

# HOMELESSNESS, LOITERING & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

## DE PERE RESOURCE GUIDE

The City of De Pere, De Pere Police Department, and outreach agencies are working together to address quality of life issues and help those in need.

### ***WHAT WE'RE DOING TO HELP***

Brown County has numerous organizations devoted to addressing homelessness, loitering and substance abuse issues. By coordinating outreach and resource groups, we hope to make De Pere experiences memorable and enjoyable for all those in our community.



#### **OUTREACH**

- The Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is composed of 28 organizations who provide resources and shelter to those who are unhoused and in need of services
- The outreach team is part of the Brown County Homeless & Housing Coalition.
- <https://bchhcwi.org>



OUTREACH CONTACT:  
outreach@greenbaywi.gov  
Or  
jbushmaker@deperewi.gov

#### **CITY OF DE PERE PARKS & POLICE DEPARTMENTS**

- Parks department enriches quality of life in community by maintaining open spaces and recreational facilities
- From the Fox River to more than 400 acres of parks and greenspace, as well as outdoor swimming pools, trail systems, a community center
- Police Department is dedicated to maintaining public safety through partnership with community



POLICE: 920.339.4078  
PARKS: 920.339.4065

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ISSUE/CONCERN	WHO TO CONTACT			
WHO TO CONTACT IF...	OUTREACH outreach@greenbaywi.gov	PARKS 920.339.4065	POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 920.391.7450	POLICE EMERGENCY 911
I HAVE FOUND UNATTENDED BELONGINGS	●	● IF THE ITEMS ARE IN A PUBLIC PARK		
SOMEONE IS SLEEPING/LOITERING AT MY BUSINESS	●		● DURING OVERNIGHT HOURS	
I SEE A HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT	●		● ON YOUR PRIVATE PROPERTY	
SOMEONE IS AGGRESSIVE OR CAUSING A DISTURBANCE			●	
I SEE SOMEONE WHO IS PANHANDLING	●		● ONLY IF VIOLATING ANOTHER ORDINANCE	
I SEE SOMEONE WHO IS IMPAIRED BY DRUGS OR ALCOHOL			● IF WELFARE CHECK IS NEEDED	● IF LIFE THREATENING SITUATION
I OBSERVED A DRUG DEAL			● OR DRUG TASK FORCE TIP LINE 920.437.3784	
I OBSERVED SOMEONE WHO MAY BE IN A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS				● IF THERE IS A THREAT OF HARM TO THEMSELVES/OTHERS

## LEGAL VS. ILLEGAL ACTIVITY FOR PANHANDLING & LOITERING

### PANHANDLING IS NOT ILLEGAL

- Panhandling in public spaces is protected by the first amendment
- The City of De Pere does not have a panhandling ordinance
- Certain behaviors such as loitering, trespassing, blocking the sidewalk, etc. are still enforceable

### ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

- Making threats while asking for a donation
- Blocking the sidewalk
- Interfering with traffic
- Not removing themselves from private property when asked to leave

### WHAT IS LOITERING?

Loitering is the act of remaining in a particular public place for a protracted time without an apparent purpose. Loitering is prohibited on Metro property which includes buses, shelters, and public lobby. Persons who fail to adhere to this policy will be in violation of City Ordinance 27.602.

